

# Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

September 12, 2006 - 6:00 PM

Conference Room B

Rockford City Hall

**Present** Mike Pauly, Maureen Flanagan, Jeanne Ludeke, Laura Bachelder, Frank St. Angel, Chairman, Ald. Doug Mark (arrived at 6:10)

**Absent** Sally Faber

**Staff:** Ginny Gregory; Sandra Hawthorne; Lucia Rinedollar

**Other:** Mr. & Mrs. John Hooker (1424 Brown Hills Road)

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Chairman Frank St. Angel called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Jeanne Ludeke to **APPROVE** the minutes of the August 8, 2006 meeting. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Laura Bachelder and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

### Certificate of Appropriateness – 1424 Brown Hills Road

Mr. & Mrs. John Hooker, applicants, stated this property is an Aladdin kit house under 1,000 square feet in size. They wish to build an addition going 14 feet to the east, by 32' north/south with a full basement. The gables for the addition would match those existing. Mr. Hooker stated redwood siding was very difficult to obtain, but they were able to find cedar siding that will match the existing redwood. A sample was presented and the Commission felt it was of good quality. The Hookers plan to use double-hung wood windows to match those existing. He stated they have discussed their plans for this addition with Zoning and received a favorable response. Technically, this is a corner lot, but since this part of C Street was never built, Zoning will allow use of standard setbacks for non-corner lots. The Commission was in agreement that the proposed plan was very appropriate for this home.

A **MOTION** was made by Jeanne Ludeke to **APPROVE** a 14' x 32' addition to the structure, maintaining the existing gable and window style for the property at 1424 Brown Hills Road. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Maureen Flanagan and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

(Alderman Doug Mark arrived at this point)

### Violation notices

- ♦ **304 & 308 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street** – property owned by Dennis Clement. Property Standards in the Building Department found Mr. Clement in violation of building codes for having unsafe/improper hand rails on the front porches of both houses. He came in to speak with Ginny and told her he has railings and some spindles that will fit and is having additional ones

made to complete the project. Ginny agreed to sign off as long as the specific material discussed was used in the construction.

- ♦ **515 Grove Street** – property owned by HUD and managed by a private firm out of Chicago. Two violations were cited – a set of plain wooden handrails from the sidewalk up towards the house, and chicken wire in a rough wood frame to cover a hole in the foundation. Ginny is working with the management firm to guide them in the type of material required.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

It was stated that the owner of 208 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Greg Smith, has not removed the existing metal chimney system he had installed on the side on the building. This application came before the Board in April, 2006. Ginny will investigate the time frame and the applicant that the work must be done before the Certificate expires in October.

## **Staff Report**

- ♦ **Realtor training – update** Ginny reported on her meeting with Sally Faber. It was decided that a half-day training session during the week would be the best option. Consideration is being given to including lunch and a tour through some of the districts. Springfield has stated they would like to do something similar to this and Ginny will be meeting with them in two weeks. She will have something more definite to report by the October meeting.
- ♦ **Newsletter** Ginny presented a draft of the proposed newsletter and took a group photo. One of the subjects in the newsletter will deal with satellite dishes. Ginny will go through each district and photographing existing satellite dishes in October. It was mentioned that the guidelines indicate that no more than one dish per ten units is allowed. Ginny stated no one has challenged this yet, and will inform the Commission if she gets any calls. The newsletter makes it clear that any dish visible from a public right-of-way must have a Certificate of Appropriateness.

## **Other**

- ♦ The October HPC meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, due to the Columbus Day holiday.
- ♦ Lucia Rinedollar was introduced as the new Sr. Administrative Assistant for the Community and Economic Development Director. Lucia will be attending future Historic Preservation Commission meetings and will be preparing the minutes from this point forward.
- ♦ Mike Pauly informed the Commission the sign at Beattie Park will be upgraded to say “National Historic Registered Place” (or similar wording). Mike explained there has been a problem with vandalism and at this point all that remains of the sign is the stakes in the ground with a platform. Ald. Mark asked if adding an area to reflect “Indian Terrace Historic District” would be feasible. Mike said this is a possibility, but it could create a situation where calls regarding the district are being received by the park.

- ♦ Ginny informed everyone that LPCI will be having its awards ceremony in Chicago on Saturday, October 14, 6:00 PM. At that time, the owners of the Richardson Building will receive their award for renovation of the building.
- ♦ Gary Carlson, past HPC member, is conducting a tour of his home at 1010 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> as part of a fundraiser for the Friends of the Coronado. There is a \$40 charge. A large sign has been installed in the front yard of the property. Ginny was not aware of the sign, but will check it out.
- ♦ Ginny explained that Community Development is doing a neighborhood plan for the College/Seminary area. This is immediately south of Haight Village and consists of approximately 300 properties. Ginny has looked through photos of the properties and has selected and noted those she felt were worthy of historic designation. The results will be entered into the City's survey record. If HUD money is requested for the property, they would look at the ranking of the property to assist in determining appropriate funding. She asked for volunteers from the Commission to look over the rankings as a check on what she had done. Frank St. Angel and Laura Bachelder volunteered to assist Ginny in this selection.

Meeting ended at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, and for the last time,  
Sandra A. Hawthorne  
Administrative Assistant